

Dear Sir or Madam: I am an amateur radio operator, and would respectfully request you deny the NAB's petition 04-160. XM is using a subscription only digital radio stream that cannot be decrypted and as such is not similar to public airwaves, just like Satellite broadcasters DishNetwork and DirectTV, and should be entitled to the same protections as they are. I enjoy my ability to travel long distances without being tied to a terrestrial signal, and the new traffic services really help when arriving in new areas. Plus-listening to the weather services feed from either the local areas covered, or the weather channel feed, is no different than tuning into NOAA to get updates. Please do not hinder this growing service.